

Appl. No. 10/826,293
Amdt. dated 9 OCT 2005
Reply to Office action of 9 SEPT 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is requiring a restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121, and has stated that the claims related to two distinct inventions as follows.

Invention I - apparatus and claims 1-13

Invention II - method and claims 14-15

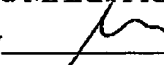
The Examiner has also stated that the claims are directed to two distinct species of the invention as follows.

Species 1 - Figures 1-7

Species 2 - Figures 8-12

The Examiner's assertions are respectfully traversed. In order to expedite the prosecution of this case, the Applicant chooses Invention II, the method. The Applicant has amended claim 14 and added new claims 16-26 depending from claim 14. Claims 16-26 are based on original apparatus claims 2-13. The Applicant further elects Species 1, Figures 1-7. The Applicant asserts that claims 14-20 and 24-26 are either generic or readable on the elected species.

The Applicant believes that the claims are now in order for substantive examination.

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